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SETTING UP OF THERMAL POWER PLANTS NEAR COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up most of the Thermal Power Plants nearthe coal mines during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the criteria laid down for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : The setting up of a power plant in a particular region/state by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is determined, with reference to availability of coal/fuel, demand and supply position in the region, availability of key inputs like land, water, project site meeting environmental standards and guidelines, minimum displacement of persons, acquisition of minimum prime agricultural/forest land and ability of the beneficiary States to pay. Coal pit-head stations are most cost effective and therefore, out of twelve coal-based projects identified for benefits during the Tenth Plan, eight are located near coal mines.